



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, March 05, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1185/2025

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she admit that —
- (i) there is a national school known as Kili/Mulankavil Maha Vidyalaya in the Poonakari Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kilinochchi District;
 - (ii) the said school has experienced a setback in its academic activities due to the current shortage of teachers and other staff, as well as a lack of furniture and resources; and
 - (iii) improving the education of the students in this school is not feasible without addressing those vacancies/shortages?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the —
- (i) number of academic and non-academic staff members in the said school, separately;
 - (ii) reasons for not filling those vacancies, though there are 17 vacancies for junior staff remain at the said school;
 - (iii) date on which the building requirements of the said school will be fulfilled;
 - (iv) date on which the furniture shortage of the above-mentioned school will be addressed; and
 - (v) date on which the staff vacancies of the said school will be completely filled?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

2.

1453/2025

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are any Grama Niladhari Divisions out of the 136 Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Mullaitivu District, which do not have multi-purpose service centres (Seva Piyasa) that can be used by the Grama Niladharis, Development Officers and Samurdhi Development Officers;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of offices that are temporarily housed in alternative buildings;
 - (iii) of the number of offices that need to be renovated;
 - (iv) of the number of offices that do not have toilet, water and electricity facilities; and
 - (v) of the number of offices to which the electricity supply has been disconnected?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are difficulties in providing quality services to the public due to such shortages; and
 - (ii) of the plan that is in place to address the said shortages in order to provide quality and expeditious services to the public?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1501/2025

Hon. B. Ariyawansa,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) main minor export crops in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) revenue earned from the export of these minor export crops from 2015 to date, separately for each year; and
 - (iii) measures taken to further promote the export of minor export crops?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

4.

1543/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons for the failure to repair the Yatiyanthota–Nawalapitiya road via Seepoth and Nagastenna in the Kegalle District for about twenty (20) years;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the above-mentioned road can be used as an alternative route from Colombo to Nawalapitiya;
 - (iii) whether the Road Development Authority had planned to develop the said road from kilometer (km) 9 onwards;
 - (iv) of the amount allocated for the said development;
 - (v) whether the said development tasks have been carried out properly;
 - (vi) whether the prescribed procurement procedures have been duly adopted in that regard; and
 - (vii) whether the development of the said road will be carried out expeditiously?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1550/2025

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that there are a large number of people engaged in animal husbandry in the Ampara District and that adequate grazing fields are not available for their cattle;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to provide grazing fields for the cattle in the areas of the Pottuvil and the other Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Ampara District;
 - (iii) if not, of the obstacles that hinder such action; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to establish a state-of-the-art milk collection centre in the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division in order to increase the milk production and the income of those engaged in animal husbandry in the said area thereby contributing to the growth of the country's economy?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

6.

1677/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for the delay in the payment of widows' and orphans' pensions or allowances that are being paid to the widows/dependents of the members of the three armed forces who died in the line of duty;
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to prevent such delays;
 - (iii) of the salaries and allowances paid to the widows/dependents of the members of the armed forces who married after leaving the service due to disability, upon the death of the member;
 - (iv) if allowances are not paid to them, of the reasons for that; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken to pay those salaries or allowances?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of military personnel who are not entitled to 85% pension out of those recruited before 19.05.2009;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not paying the said pension entitlement;
 - (iii) whether he accepts that it is appropriate to grant them 85% pension entitlement; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to grant the said pension entitlement to them?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1786/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, as per each vehicle category, of the number of vehicles, registered in Sri Lanka, at present;
 - (ii) separately, as per each institution, of the annual revenue received by the government from the institutions that conduct vehicle emission tests; and
 - (iii) of the plans formulated to minimize traffic congestion in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

8.

1810/2026

Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that an issue has arisen concerning the depositors of the Gampaha Sanasa Bank;
 - (ii) of the number of depositors who suffered injustice by depositing money at the said bank;
 - (iii) of the amount of money deposited by the depositors mentioned above;
 - (iv) of the actions that the Department of Cooperative Development has taken on behalf of those depositors; and
 - (v) of the progress of the aforesaid actions?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1830/2026

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware of the basic and emergency health issues faced by the people in the Delthota Divisional Secretariat Division and in the surrounding villages in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) of the present grading of the Anura Daniel District Hospital in Delthota and of the Galaha and the Pattiyaagama-Pallegama Divisional Hospitals;
 - (iii) of the approved cadre and the present staff strength of the said hospitals;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that patients die while being transferred from the said hospitals to the Kandy and the Peradeniya hospitals due to the lack of emergency treatment, surgery facilities, intensive care and obstetrics and gynecology specialist services in those hospitals; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to upgrade the Anura Daniel District Hospital in Delthota as a base hospital and to develop the Galaha and the Pattiyaagama-Pallegama Divisional Hospitals?

(6)

- (b) Will he further inform this House whether steps will be taken to —
- (i) provide additional ambulances to the above-mentioned hospitals for emergency response in the context where the roads in the said areas are in a dilapidated condition due to ‘Cyclone Ditwah’; and
 - (ii) appoint a special workforce to ensure the health rights of the people in the Galaha and Delthota areas to provide solutions to them?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1831/2026

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the present status of the Small and Medium Scale Industrial Zone proposed for the Batticaloa District for the year 2025/2026;
 - (ii) of the number of local entrepreneurs who have received industrial training through the Batticaloa Branch of the Industrial Development Board during this year;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to facilitate market opportunities for small and medium handloom industries in the Batticaloa District;
 - (iv) of the total value of the low interest loans that have been issued to small and medium scale industries;
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to provide special tax concessions to small and medium scale industries related to agricultural products in the Eastern Province;
 - (vi) of the current progress of the "SME Credit Guarantee Fund" for entrepreneurs facing difficulties in the Batticaloa District;
 - (vii) whether there is a plan in place to construct a regional packaging centre in the said district; and
 - (viii) of the steps that will be taken to protect local, small and medium scale industries from import substitutes?
- (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Mediation (Civil and Commercial Disputes) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Protection of Occupants Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Rent (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (24th September 2025) [1].

*5.

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme,— Adjourned debate on question (10th April 2025) Motion made and question proposed,— “Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the establishment and maintenance of places of unlawful detention and torture chambers at the Batalanda Housing Scheme, which was tabled in Parliament on 14th March 2025, be considered by Parliament.”

6.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1851/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Government has taken steps to provide state protection to the wife and children of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, founder of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, subsequent to his assassination on 13.11.1989;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the persons who were provided with such protection and their respective family relationships to Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, separately;
 - (iii) of the places where the persons referred to above were detained;
 - (iv) of the family members of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera who are currently receiving state protection and maintenance;
 - (v) of the estimated total expenditure borne by the Government so far for the maintenance of the family members of Mr. Rohana Wijeweera; and
 - (vi) of the monthly expenditure incurred by the Government for the security and maintenance of the said family members who are still receiving state protection?
- (b) If not, why?
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